

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

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OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2000

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, 2000 a reception was held in the Capitol to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. During the past two decades, this organization has fulfilled almost 80,000 wishes made by children who are ill.

The highlight of this reception was an inspirational address made by a remarkable seven-year-old named Ryan Davidson. Ryan, who had a brain tumor, is the 3,000th "Wish Child" of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Make-A-Wish Foundation. His speech follows:

REMARKS BY RYAN DAVIDSON MAKE-A-WISH  
20TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION JUNE 8, 2000

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, my name is Ryan Davidson and I am seven years old. I go to Ashburn Elementary and I am in the first grade. Today I am well and feeling great! But I didn't feel good last summer.

Two weeks after kindergarten, I had a ton of really bad headaches. My mom gave me Tylenol but it didn't help. My headaches got worse and my left hand wouldn't work. I couldn't get a tight grip when I tried to hold stuff. My mom and dad took me to Dr. "D" in Ashburn. Dr. "D" said that I should go have an x-ray. We went to the hospital for the x-ray. I was scared of the big x-ray machine. After my x-ray the doctors said that I should go to Children's Hospital for more x-rays. I had to lay still alone in the machine. I had four x-rays in one day!

The doctors said that I had a brain tumor and had to stay over night. I was scared to stay by myself, so my mom stayed, too. Four days later I had my surgery. I was scared. Before the doctors put me to sleep, they told me to think about that green car going around the track. After my surgery, I woke up during another x-ray. The machine was moving forward and back. It was very loud and I was scared.

The next day, I was called the human "Q-tip" because I had a bandage that looked like the top of a "Q-Tip". I was in the hospital for five days. I still had stitches when I went home. A week later I had to get my stitches out. I had to go to sleep while I got the stitches out.

I still have to have MRI's.

Then in October, "Make-A-Wish" came. They asked lots of questions and asked me where I wanted to go. I wanted to go meet my favorite racecar driver, Bobby Labonte, and see the race. I knew he would be at a racetrack!

In the spring, we had a party for all the people who had helped while I was in the hospital. Near the end of the party, Make-A-Wish came back to grant my wish! They said, "You're leaving next week to go to California!" I started jumping up and down. Make-A-Wish got me a ton of stuff. Then on Wednesday, a limousine picked me up from school and took me to the airport. When we got there, we went to the cockpit. I got to sit where the Captain sits.

When we got to California and got off the plane, I felt a hat. It was our host, John! He got me balloons and when we got to the hotel, he gave me four Bobby Labonte cars.

On Friday, we went to practices and qualifying races. Bobby Labonte qualified 36th. On Saturday, I woke up early. We went to the track. When we got there we went to meet Bobby Labonte!

When we first got there, while we were waiting, I got to hold his racing helmet. Then when Bobby came out of the trailer, I got to spend almost 15 minutes with him. I asked him lots of questions about racing and he autographed two hats, a car, a tee shirt, and my racing uniform. Then he gave my sister, Mallory, and me each a team hat. It was the greatest day of my life!

The next day was race day! Bobby came in second! On Monday we left to go home. I had a lot of fun!

I hope you enjoyed my story. It has a very happy ending. Thanks Make-A-Wish for making my dream come true.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture.

SR-485

## Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the environmental benefits and impacts of ethanol under the Clean Air Act.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Communications Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers.

SR-253

10 a.m.

## Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending calendar business.

SD-342

## Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the future of Lebanon.

SD-419

## Finance

Business meeting to markup S.662, to amend title XIX of the Social Security

Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program; H.R.3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services; and proposed legislation urging the President to initiate negotiations over the issue of foreign sales corporations at the July 20 meeting of the G-8 nations in Okinawa.

SD-215

## Judiciary

Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the United Airways and U.S. Airways airline merger.

SD-226

3:30 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the International Criminal Court, focusing on protecting american servicemen and officials from the threat of international prosecution.

SD-419

## JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.

## Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed highway diesel fuel sulfur regulations.

SD-406

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the nomination of Delmond J.H. Won, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on certain provisions of S. 2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly.

SD-366

10 a.m.

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with the changing threat of international terrorism, focusing on the report of the National Commission on Terrorism.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the United States General Accounting Office March 2000 report entitled "Need to Address Management Problems that Plague the Concessions Program".

SD-366